Appendix VIII.

[Vide answer to question No. 257 asked by Mr. M. S. Sreshta at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th October 1935, page 49 supra.]

Report of the Director of Agriculture.

The only method of controlling the pest is by killing the caterpillars in large numbers and thereby checking the rapid multiplication of the insect. To this end, all the coconut leaves infested with the pest are cut and burnt. The success of this method mainly depends on the speed with which the operations are conducted and the co-operation of the tree owners in the affected area. In localities where the Pest Act was in force during previous years, the pest has disappeared and the operated trees are in good condition.

During the hot weather of 1933, the pest appeared in a serious form in Mangalore town, especially near the Mangalore Railway Station. Immediately the garden owners were advised to operate the affected trees. From June to October, about 7,646 trees were operated in Mangalore town and the adjoining villages. During the rainy weather, the pest generally subsides and the spread of the pest is watched by the Demonstrators. It will be seen therefore that the garden owners have realized the benefit in carrying out the remedial measures advocated by the department, though there are a few here and there, who fail to do so.

Appendix IX.

[Vide item VII (1) at page 62 supra.]

(1) (a) EXCAVATING A CHANNEL TO THE LOSARIGUTLAPADU VILLAGE IN THE GODAVARI WESTERN DELTA.

Grant.	Head of account.	Item of expenditure.	Ultimate cost.	Amount of supplementary grant required in 1935–36.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
			RS.	RS.
VI. Irrigation (excluding Cauvery-Mettur Project)—Reserved.	55. Construction of Irrigation, etc., Works—Irrigation Works—Productive—Godavari Delta System.	Excavating a channel to the Losarigutlapadu village and special Revenue staff as shown below :—	1,02,431 (works including special Revenue staff).	
		Details of staff—		
		One Deputy Collector on Rs. 250—700 for six months ..	1,500	
		One upper division clerk on Rs. 55—70 for six months.	330	
		One lower division clerk on Rs. 30—55 for six months.	180	
		One typist on Rs. 30 for six months	180	
		One attender on Rs. 19—30 for six months ..	114	
		Four clerks in the lower division on Rs. 30—55 each to enable four additional clerks in the district to be employed as Revenue Inspectors	720	